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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In order to place this application in better condition for a complete examination on the merits, applicants preliminarily amend their application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In general, a bearing of a mass produced motor has a bearing structure for supporting a motor shaft by using ball bearings. In such a bearing, however, steel balls serving as

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